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**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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GARTON, YOUNG R

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, on September 13, 2003, the people of Indiana lost one of their most beloved public servants with the death of Governor Frank O'Bannon;

Whereas, Frank O'Bannon was an extraordinary individual of uncommon integrity and decency; he was born and raised in Corydon, received his Bachelor's and Law Degrees from Indiana University, and served his country for two years in the United States Air Force; then followed in his father's footsteps as editor, publisher and owner of the Corydon Democrat;

Whereas, in 1970 Frank O'Bannon succeeded to the Indiana State Senate seat that his father, Robert P. O'Bannon, had held from 1950 to 1970, and held the seat continuously through 1988, thus keeping that seat in the O'Bannon family for thirty-eight years. He served as Senate Finance Chairman for two years and Minority Leader for ten years;

Whereas, many of us in the General Assembly served alongside Frank O'Bannon as a friend and as a colleague for over thirty-three years, during which we developed an immense personal affection for him;



Whereas, in 1988, Frank O'Bannon accepted his party's nomination to serve for two terms as Evan Bayh's Lieutenant Governor, presiding over the Indiana Senate with impartiality and dignity;

Whereas, in 1996 Frank O'Bannon won the Governor's Office and was easily re-elected in 2000;

Whereas, among his many achievements during his tenure as Governor, he was most proud of the strides that Indiana made in education, and in fact his most loved constituents were the schoolchildren of Indiana;

Whereas, Frank O'Bannon recognized the government's responsibility to the least fortunate among us by working to make a legislative priority the provision of health insurance for hundreds of thousands of children of low income and working families in Indiana;

Whereas, Frank O'Bannon was the epitome of a true country gentleman in his dealings with everyone with whom he came in contact and was truly a friend to all of the citizens of Indiana;

Whereas, as has often been said, Frank O'Bannon's commitment, always, was to faith, community, and family. His faith was personal, but all of Indiana was his community and his extended family;

Whereas, there can be no doubt that Frank O'Bannon worked tirelessly so that future generations of Hoosiers will have a better life; and

Whereas, the lives of all members of the General Assembly have been enriched by our friendship with Frank O'Bannon, and we will miss him: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:





1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to express
2 its deepest admiration and its appreciation for the lifetime of dedicated
3 service Frank L. O'Bannon gave to the people of Indiana.

4 SECTION 2. That the legacy of service and commitment to his
5 state will continue to serve as an inspiration to all Hoosiers.

6 SECTION 3. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
7 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Governor O'Bannon's loving wife,
8 Judy, and to each of their three children.

